CHIA Standard Statistics:
Most Frequent Inpatient Discharges by Diagnostic Related Group (DRG)

Time Period/Data Year(s): October 1st – September 30th for all hospitals
Governing Legislation: M.G.L. c. 12C, section 8; Regulation 957 CMR 8.00

Description	This measure reflects the most common reasons for inpatient admissions to Massachusetts hospitals.
Frequency	CHIA reports on this measure annually as part of its Hospital Profiles publication.
Statutory Definition	CHIA is directed to collect hospital discharge data and "designate standard systems for determining, reporting and auditing volume, case-mix, [and] proportion of low-income patients…and to prepare reports comparing acute and non-acute care hospitals by cost, utilization and outcome."
Data Submitters	All Massachusetts acute hospitals
Data Included	The statewide top 5 DRGs are derived from CHIA's Hospital Inpatient Discharge Database (HIDD).
Quality Assurance Process	• HIDD data is verified at intake through the HIDD intake verification process • Each hospital's top DRGs are again verified with hospitals during the publication preparation process • All publication materials are reviewed by CHIA analysts, managers, and team director
Reports	• Massachusetts Hospital Profiles (data for FY2012 and FY2013 available) • Acute Hospital Utilization Trends in Massachusetts (FY2009-FY2013 report)

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Data Notes	None
How to Obtain Data	The statewide top 5 DRGs are available in the Hospital Profiles section of CHIA's website, specifically within the chartbook portion of the publication. Information for FY2009-FY2013 is also available in the Acute Hospital Utilization Trends in Massachusetts FY2009-FY2013 databook.
Related CHIA Measures	None
Questions?	Questions may be directed to Erin Bonney at erin.bonney@state.ma.us.